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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room (In-Person and Zoom)

600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 8:09 a.m. Chairperson Edwards, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Carol Edwards - Chair
Jackie Atkinson
Payton McGee
David Smith
Jess Stuart
Claire Rogers

Staff in attendance: Jose Abraham, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO); Christian Togmus, Planner I; Scott Fajkus, Assistant Building Official; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Brittany Mullings, Public Works Executive Secretary.

Elected Officials in attendance: Mayor Rebecca K. Haas

Chairperson Edwards declared the meeting open.

Chairperson Edwards introduced agenda item number A2., Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag was recited.

Chairperson Edwards introduced agenda item number A3., Public comments. She asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment, the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Edwards introduced consent agenda items B1-B2.

B1. Review and approve minutes from February 15, 2022, regular meeting.

B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on April 19, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Commission Member Rogers moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Smith. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C1a., Community and Museum Events Update.

- Fort Bend Archeological Society will be meeting today at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Bend Museum.
- Fort Bend History Association will be having an annual meeting on March 22, 2022.
- Central Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Richmond Small Business Breakfast on March 24, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- The Literacy Council of Fort Bend will be hosting their 8th Annual Reading Between the Wines on March 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch.
- There will be a book signing for Charles Beyl at Blockhouse Coffee on March 27, 2022.
- Catholic Charities will be hosting their Annual Open House at the Mamie George Community Center on March 31, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The Historic Richmond Association will be hosting their 6th Annual Art Walk & Motor Madness event on April 2, 2022, in historic downtown Richmond.
- Fort Bend Museum will have Dr. Anne Chao speaking at their next Diversity Lecture Series on April 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- The Fort Bend History Association will be hosting their 31st Annual Lone Star Stomp “Friday Night Lights” on April 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the George Ranch Historical Park.
- There will be Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic held at George Ranch Historical Park on April 16, 2022.
- The Rosenberg Railroad Museum will be hosting their Annual Garden Gala called Stars & Stetsons on April 23, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C2., Staff update and discussion:

C2a. Administratively approved Certificate of Appropriateness for Vintage Hope located at 611 Jackson St. Mr. Abraham, HPO, explained that the proposed sign met all the requirements of the UDC and conforms to the Historic District Design Guidelines. He concluded by indicating that Staff has administratively approved the Certificate of Appropriateness and the permit has been issued.

C2b. Discuss a draft Historic District Handbook and proposed award program. Mr. Abraham, HPO, presented the Historic District Handbook draft and gave a brief description of the handbook’s purpose. All Commission Members agreed the handbook was a great idea. Mr. Abraham, HPO, also briefly mentioned a proposed award program for properties within the Historic District. He discussed details of the program and the different award categories. Finally, Mr. Abraham mentioned that both projects are not yet complete, Staff is in the process of finalizing the documents to be presented to the Commission.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C3., Certificate of Appropriateness for a proposed projecting sign for Family Style Design co. located at 611 Jackson St, Ste A2. Mr. Abraham, HPO, stated the applicant is seeking to have a projecting sign located on the side entrance located on 7th street. He mentioned the sign meets all the requirements of the UDC,

except for one aspect. He stated the UDC requires a minimum ground clearance in the Olde Town District of 9' but due to the building design the signs clearance will be 8'4". He concluded by recommending approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commission Member Smith moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Stuart. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C4., Review and recommendation to the City Commission for a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Darst-Yoder House located at 300 S 9th Street for the year 2022. Mr. Abraham, HPO, presented the staff report and recommended approval of the application for a tax exemption of 25% and indicated that the application fulfilled all eligibility criteria. Commission Member McGee moved to recommend approval of an exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by the City in an amount not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value of the Darst-Yoder House for the year 2022 to the City Commission. Commission Member Stuart seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C5., Review and recommendation to the City Commission for a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Morton-McCloy House located at 402 N 2nd Street for the year 2022. Mr. Abraham, HPO, presented the staff report and recommended approval of the application for a tax exemption of 25% and indicated that the application fulfilled all eligibility criteria. Commission Member Smith moved to recommend approval of an exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by the City in an amount not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value of the Morton-McCloy House for the year 2022 to the City Commission. Commission Member Rogers seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C6., Review and recommendation to the City Commission for a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Pearson-Winston House located at 404 S 9th Street for the year 2022. Commission Member Atkinson abstained from participation in discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Abraham, HPO, presented the staff report and recommended approval of the application for a tax exemption of 25% and indicated that the application fulfilled all eligibility criteria. Commission Member Stuart moved to recommend approval of an exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by the City in an amount not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value of the Pearson-Winston House for the year 2022 to the City Commission. Commission Member Rogers seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous and included abstention by Commission member Atkinson.

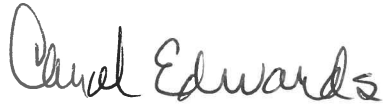
Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C7., Consider agenda item requests by Commission Members for April 19, 2022, regular meeting. No requests were presented.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C8., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. Mr. Abraham stated Commission Members Meadows and Gillen is out of town and unable to attend. Commission Member Smith moved to approve the

absence of Commission Members Meadows and Gillen. The motion was seconded by Commission Member McGee. The vote for approval was unanimous.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairperson Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Approved



Carol Edwards, Chair
Richmond Historical Commission